

## ABSTRACT

A capless writing instrument (1), wherein a writing  
element (5) is arranged inside a barrel cylinder (2) so that  
5 a pen point (6) of the writing element (5) can come out and  
retract through a front end opening of the barrel cylinder  
(2), is characterized in that an inner cap (20) formed of  
rubber or elastic resin is provided at the front end opening  
of the barrel cylinder (2), and the inner cap (20) is composed  
10 of: a closing portion (21) disposed on the pen point projecting  
side with respect to the axial direction of the barrel cylinder  
for closing the front end opening and having a slit (25) for  
allowing the pen point (6) to project and retract; and forward  
projected portions (27) that are projected from the outer  
15 periphery of the closing portion (21) toward the front end  
opening, and the inner cap is fitted inside the barrel cylinder  
so that, in the slit (25) closed state, force which is directed  
approximately perpendicular to the slit surfaces will act  
inward from the outer periphery of the forward projected  
20 portions (27).